

**TOWN OF THOMPSONS  
CITY COUNCIL  
12/19/24**

The Town Council of Thompsons, Texas met in Regular Session in the Council Chamber located at 520 Oilfield Road at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 19, 2024 with Mayor Freddie Newsome, Jr. presiding. Council members present were Edward Taylor, James Todd, Gina Treadgold and Carol Gubbels. Residents in attendance were John Treadgold, Rose Jaynes, Gary Mosier, Tami Mosier, Herman Hoot, Robert Jansky and Sue Herreth.

Minutes of November 21, 2024 Regular Town Council Meeting was read and reviewed by Council. On a motion from Edward Taylor, seconded by Carol Gubbels, the Minutes, Financial Reports and Accounts Payables/Receivables were approved. The Financial Reports and Accounts Payables/Receivables were available for November.

The first item on the agenda, Mayor led Council in a discussion and possible action to fill the unexpired term and vacancy created by the death of Alderman Deborah Brown. The Mayor introduced resident, Gary Mosier and suggested to Council that he fill the term. After discussion by Mayor and Council, action was taken by Council for Mr. Mosier to fill the unexpired term of Ms. Brown. On a motion from James Todd, seconded by Gina Treadgold, Council approved Gary Mosier to fill the unexpired term.

Statement of Elected/Appointed Officer was presented and signed by Gary Mosier.

City Secretary, Mary Ann Manna, being a Notary, presented the Oath of Office to Gary Mosier.

Mayor thanked Councilman Taylor for all the work he has done regarding the ARPA funds and presented the next item on the agenda which was a discussion and possible action to approve the use of ARPA funds for upgrade of the G.W. Longserre Park in Thompsons, Texas. Councilman Taylor informed Council that approval of this item gives the Mayor authority to use the ARPA funds to get the money spent and off of the Town of Thompsons financial books. On a motion from Gina Treadgold, seconded by Carol Gubbels Council approved the use of ARPA funds for upgrade of the G.W. Longserre Park in Thompsons, Texas.

Councilman Taylor stated that item d. on the agenda should come before item c. Item d. was a discussion and possible action to approve the use of funds budgeted for G.W. Longserre Park upgrade be used to pay the difference between our ARPA funds and the cost of upgrading G.W. Longserre Park. The monies for the rebuilding of the pavilion at the G.W. Longserre Park will come from the bonds from Fort Bend County. The ARPA funds (\$80,000.00) will be used to cover the expenses for the upgrades to the G.W. Longserre Park such as the walking trail, volleyball court and basketball court as much as the monies will cover. The remaining costs of the upgrades will come from the Town of Thompsons Budget. On a motion from Gina Treadgold, seconded by James Todd, the approval of the use of funds budgeted for G.W. Longserre Park upgrade be used to pay the difference between our ARPA funds and the cost of upgrading G.W. Longserre Park was approved by Council.

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Next, on the agenda was item c. The item was a discussion and possible action to approve the contract and contractor (Jerdon Enterprise, L.P.) to demolish and rebuild the walking trail, basketball court and volleyball court at the G.W. Longserre Park in Thompsons, Texas. Councilman Taylor stated that Jerdon Enterprise, L.P. from Stafford, Texas has won the bid for the proposed project. The City Attorney has reviewed the proposal and the project is ready to start. If this is approved by Council, the next step is for the Mayor to sign the contract. The Mayor stated that no one uses the basketball court and the volleyball court in the Park. A further discussion was held by Mayor and Council regarding the materials, cost, durability and width of the walking trail. The project was tabled. Councilman Taylor stated that the monies need to be allocated by December 31, 2024 as to how the ARPA funds will be spent, so these funds will not have to be returned to the US Treasury. More discussion will be held at the next Council meeting.

Item e. was a discussion and possible action to approve the use of Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU"), Contract #2402 as alternative to **"ITEM II, 2.c"** above if it fails. Councilman Taylor stated that if the Town of Thompsons allocates the ARPA funds, this will protect the funds from being returned. Councilman Taylor will have to process another bid for the project and for the funds to be used. On a motion from James Todd, seconded by Carol Gubbels Council took action to approve the use of Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU"), Contract #2402 as alternative to **"ITEM II, 2.c"**. Councilman Taylor will have to reissue an invitation for Bids (IFB) for the project to satisfy the Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU").

Mayor led Council in a discussion concerning the 2025-2026 Budget. Mayor stated that the CPA will begin work on the budget. If the Fire Department and Council are aware of necessary items to be purchased, please let the Mayor know so that the items can be inserted into the new budget.

Under residents and visitors commentary, resident, Tami Mosier, inquired about the trash pickup for Christmas Eve and New Years's Eve and the increase in property taxes in Thompsons, Texas.

Resident, Robert Jansky, inquired if bids will still be taken for the upgrade of the G. W. Longserre Park.

There were no park reservations for the month of December.


No one was present from the Fire Department, so there was no activity report for December.

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There being no additional business before the Council, on a motion from Edward Taylor, seconded by James Todd, Council adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectively Submitted

  
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Mary Ann Manna (City Secretary)

  
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Freddie Newsome, Jr. Mayor